

our amendment, and I will turn it over now to Senator Elmer. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Smith. We are considering an issue that will affect a goodly number of Nebraskans and I feel education really is the answer to most social problems, not all, but most social problems. It is really the answer here. The requirement for 19 and under to wear the helmet is a just and rational amendment. It would do all Senator Lynch could expect with the full helmet law with no education. I submit to you, all of you, that this will without...that this bill without mandatory education will save fewer lives than this bill with this amendment that we are considering, with education and limited wearing of the helmet, would save. With that, I would turn it over to Senator Scott Moore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, approximately 3 minutes.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you much, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment, we have heard all about it before. We have heard the arguments, both pro and con, on this issue and the total issue of motorcycle helmets. Now I don't know where the votes are on this amendment. I will be surprised if they are there but I wish they would be. There are some other motions pending that were all offered in legitimate good faith. I guess the vote on this matter will determine in my own mind whether or not it is right and proper to go ahead with them but I think that the time has come. We have reconsidered this bill and I would have liked, I would have liked to vote for reconsideration of this bill myself because this amendment that we are offering now, as I have said many times before, would allow us to deal with the issue, do what 24 other states have done. It is a compromise that most of us in here could live with. It is a compromise that Nebraskans of all ages can probably live with and, indeed, it is a compromise that I believe will save lives and I wholeheartedly would like to see this body pass into law. With that, I close and urge the body to return this bill to Select File for this specific amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, and the question remains, shall the bill be returned? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR MOORE: A call of the house and a roll call vote.